



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from the Sultanate of Oman: Rescission of 2019-2020

Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate resin (PET resin) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) covering the period May 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020 (POR), based on the timely withdrawal of the sole request for review.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 1, 2020, Commerce published a notice in the *Federal Register* in which it announced the opportunity for interested parties to request an administrative review of the order covering the POR.¹ In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b), on May 29, 2020, OCTAL SAOC – FZC (OCTAL) requested

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 85 FR 25394 (May 1, 2020).

a review of the order with respect to itself.² On July 10, 2020, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the order with respect to OCTAL.³ On August 14, 2020, OCTAL timely withdrew its review request.⁴

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested the review withdraw their requests within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of the requested review. OCTAL withdrew its request for a review within the 90-day deadline. Because Commerce did not receive any other requests to review the order for the period May 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020, we are rescinding this administrative review in its entirety, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of PET resin from Oman during the period May 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020, at rates equal to the cash deposit rates for estimated antidumping duties that were required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this rescission notice in the *Federal Register*.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as the only reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this

² See OCTAL's Letter "OCTAL's Request for AD Administrative Review," dated May 29, 2020.

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 85 FR 41540 (July 10, 2020).

⁴ See OCTAL's letter "OCTAL's Withdrawal of Request for AD Review Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Resin from the Sultanate of Oman," dated August 14, 2020.

requirement could result in the presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: March 18, 2021.

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for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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